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5. (Amended) A cushion tire as defined in claim 1, wherein a number of grooves, each extending in the tire width direction, are formed to the inner circumferential surface of the tire along the circumferential direction thereof.

6. (New) A cushion tire as defined in claim 2, wherein a number of projections are formed so as to project sideways on the inner circumferential side of both the side surfaces of the tire so as to abut against rim flanges of a wheel.

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7. (New) A cushion tire as defined in claim 3, wherein a number of projections are formed so as to project sideways on the inner circumferential side of both the side surfaces of the tire so as to abut against rim flanges of a wheel.

8. (New) A cushion tire as defined in claim 2, wherein a number of grooves, each extending in the tire width direction, are formed to the inner circumferential surface of the tire along the circumferential direction thereof.

9. (New) A cushion tire as defined in claim 3, wherein a number of grooves, each extending in the tire width direction, are formed to the inner circumferential surface of the tire along the circumferential direction thereof.

10. (New) A cushion tire as defined in claim 4, wherein a number of grooves, each extending in the tire width direction, are formed to the inner circumferential surface of the tire along the circumferential direction thereof.

11. (New) A cushion tire as defined in claim 6, wherein a number of grooves, each extending in the tire width direction, are formed to the inner circumferential surface of the tire along the circumferential direction thereof.

12. (New) A cushion tire as defined in claim 7, wherein a number of grooves, each extending in the tire width direction, are formed to the inner circumferential surface of the tire along the circumferential direction thereof.

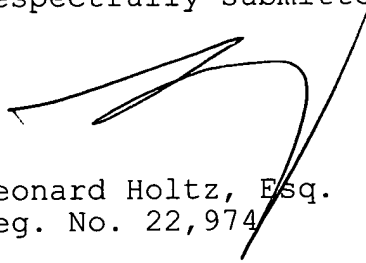
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Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and new claims 6-12 have been added.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), a clean copy of amended claims 4 and 5 and new claims 6-12 is set forth in the present amendment, and a marked-up version of amended claims 4 and 5 is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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